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Causes Surprise

United States Senate Carries Davis Amendment to Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

The London Press Expresses Indignation at the Attitude Taken.

Warning That Britain Will Not Allow Rights to Be Set Aside.

London, Dec. 14.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Henry Norman, Liberal member for South Wolverhampton, will ask a series of questions with a view of extracting the views of the government on the Nicaragua canal and cognate matters. The adoption by the United States senate of the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty yesterday is evidently regarded as far too weighty a matter for hurried comment by the London morning journals. Accordingly the Times and most of the other papers will postpone until to-morrow their editorial treatment of the question in its present phase. The Daily Chronicle, however, publishes a short note, in which it says: "The news is very serious indeed. It means, in a word, that the jingo and Anglophobes of the United States senate have triumphed, and we are back again where we were at the time of the Venezuela embroglio and President Cleveland's insolent and provocative speech. The better feeling manifested during the Spanish-American war has been shaken by pro-Boer sympathy, and it is now swamped by self-interest."

The Americans intend to fortify the canal in spite of treaty engagement to the contrary. We cannot possibly stand by and allow the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to be thus imperiously set aside. The good relations between the two countries must of necessity be gravely menaced. This is the outcome of McKinley's recalcitrance. Worse could hardly have happened if Bryan had been returned."

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 13.—In accordance with a previous agreement, the senate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock to-day on the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canal. The senate did not close its doors until 2 o'clock, and there was then left only one hour's time for the discussion of the provisions of the amendment. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, 65 votes being cast in favor of the amendment, and 17 against it.

A PENSION FUND.

Minister of Militia Will Introduce a Bill Next Session—Bakers' Boycott.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Hon. Dr. Borden will introduce a bill in the coming session to provide a pension fund for disabled Canadians who served in South Africa.

The city bakers have instituted a boycott against those grocers who have cut the price of bread in order to draw the grocery trade.

The Canadian postal corps is not missing after all. Two are at Pretoria and two at Capetown.

FORMALLY RATIFIED.

Bank of Commerce Purchase of Bank of British Columbia Voted by Shareholders.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—At a special general meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce yesterday afternoon, the agreement for the purchase of the Bank of British Columbia was formally ratified by a vote representing \$3,071,000 of the capital stock of the bank. George A. Cox, president of the Bank of Commerce, in a brief speech approved of the transfer. B. E. Walker, general manager, and J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the same institution, spoke in the highest terms of the managers and staff of the Bank of British Columbia, and said that in their opinion they will form a valuable addition to the staff of the Bank of Commerce. The quality of the business and assets of the Bank of British Columbia were reported to be of a most satisfactory nature.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills. If they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

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RUMORED REVERSE.

London Dec. 14.—The Daily Express publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms. According to this report the Boers attacked the camps of Gen. Clements in Barberton district, capturing the camp and killing a number of British officers, and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter, and is not generally believed.

RIVALS FOR MAYORALTY.

Dr. Wilson and Thomas Dunn Spoken of as Candidates in Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—(Special)—It is now reported that Dr. Wilson will run for mayor in the interests of the Municipal Association, and Thomas Dunn in the interests of the Citizens' Association. It is an open secret that one of these gentlemen will stand for moral reform, and the other will represent the so-called liberal-minded class. Aldermanic candidates will be chosen by both societies on the same lines.

Inspector Horrigan and ten men of the N. W. M. P. arrived yesterday, en route to White Horse, where they will be stationed. They sail on the Danube.

McGovern

Is Champion

He Knocks Out Ganns Easily in the Light Weight Contest.

Fight Only Lasts Two Rounds and Is Quite One Sided.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Terry McGovern is now the undisputed lightweight champion of the world. He knocked out Joe Ganns, of Baltimore, after two minutes and five seconds of fighting in the second round.

Round one—McGovern led with left. He rushed Ganns to the ropes, pounding him hard on the ribs with the left. McGovern missed right and left. McGovern sent Ganns back with left to jaw, Ganns upper-cutting under the heart. Ganns put right and left to face. McGovern put right and left to jaw, sending Ganns staggering. Ganns was floored with left to face. Ganns knocked down with left to jaw. He was up again at the count of seven, but was knocked down again one second after the bell rang, and was taken to his corner in a groggy condition. No claim of foul made by Ganns.

Round 2—McGovern sent left to face, twice knocking Ganns to the floor. McGovern landed as he pleased and Ganns was knocked down with a right to jaw. The minute he was up, McGovern rushed in, knocking him down again and again, and finishing the fight.

WELLAND BY-ELECTION.

J. F. Gross, the Liberal Candidate, Elected.

Welland, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The by-election in Welland county resulted in J. F. Gross, Liberal, being elected by a majority of about 275. Latest returns from the polls give his gross majority as 325, but four Conservative polls not heard from are expected to reduce it to about 250. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of W. M. German, who successfully contested the county in the Dominion elections.

CRIMINALS

PER RIFY PARIS

Terrible State of Affairs Results From Closing of the Exhibition.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The close of the exposition throwing thousands who were dependent upon it for a living into the streets, has created abnormal criminal conditions in Paris, and has directed attention to the dangerous state of affairs. The outlying quarters are infested by bands of footpads and hoodlums, who are filled with accounts of their nightly exploits. A gang of thieves recently held up a street car in a populous district and robbed the passengers; while an important electric car line serving the suburbs of St. Denis has refused to run its cars later than 8 o'clock in the evening on account of the danger, and it was announced to-day that the prefect of police had been directed to place a couple of policemen on each street car running in the suburbs after 8:30 p. m., and that he had also been directed to create a special corps of picked men to be stationed in the dangerous wards such as the ward where the severed body was recently discovered. Moreover, in order to secure murder clues, the police for several nights have raided the disorderly districts, and have made large hauls of criminals wanted on other charges. A raid yesterday evening led to 347 arrests. In fairness it must be said that the present condition of crime is largely due to the numbers of workmen, street hawkers and others who come to Paris attracted by the exposition, and are now walking the streets, out of work. It is estimated by the statistician of the central labor bureau that in 25 trades, 212,000 out of 510,000 are out of work. The officials of the prefecture of police calculate that 2,000 sufferers from the close of the exposition have joined the criminal army.

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Two Hundred Drowned.

Excited Passengers Rush to the Side and Capsize a Boat.

Canton, China, Dec. 13.—The falling overboard of a man on a passenger boat on the West river, near Ho Kian, led to the rush of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being drowned.

ROBBED THE TRAIN.

Mail Pouches on Arkansas Road Despoiled and Messenger Knocked Senseless.

Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 13.—The mail on the north-bound Cotton Belt passenger train was looted between Bassett's, Texas, and this city to-day. Several registered mail pouches were cut open and the contents carried away. It is understood that the pouches contained several valuable packages en route from Memphis. Mail Clerk John W. Dennis was found unconscious from a blow on the head, when his train reached Texarkana. Until he recovers, no description of the robbers can be secured. Two men have been arrested on suspicion at Naples, Ark., but no trace of the plunder was found on them.

Cost of The War

Sir William Vernon Harcourt Says Transvaal Should Bear Its Share.

But It Needs High Courage to Face "the Kaffir Circus."

Chancellor of Exchequer Says No Unreasonable Demands Will Be Made.

London, Dec. 13.—During the second reading of the War Loan bill, Sir William Vernon Harcourt today lengthily criticized the government's financial makeshifts. He said the ministers would have strenuous support in making the Transvaal share the cost of the war, but the gold mines were the only source of revenue, and the attitude of mine-owners and capitalists was well known. If the government wished to obtain anything from the Transvaal towards the cost of the war, it would have to face the "Kaffir circus" in South Africa and London, and it would require all the courage of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Colonial Secretary, and all the integrity of parliament to cope with the matter.

He contended that, judging from the present prospect, the cost of British rule in the Transvaal and Orange River Ool only would be far greater than Boer rule had been. He estimated that Gen. Baden-Powell's police would cost £4,000,000 a year, a sum equal to the last Transvaal budget. Mr. Timothy Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked how much of the new loan was to be floated in Wall Street. He added: "When we have the unscrupulosity of Wall Street on top of us, we shall pay dearly for the small sum saved the country in discount. The whole cost of the war should be placed on the Transvaal."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said that possibly the new colonies could not bear any part of the cost of the war for a year or two after the war ended, but he had in mind the nature of development of the Transvaal's vast wealth, and had made the calling in of the various loans at such periods as would enable the government to bear what burden might be imposed on the Transvaal. In any event, no unreasonable demand would be made. Without expressing a final opinion, he thought that direct taxation of the profits of mines was a question deserving the most careful consideration.

Mr. Brodrick, secretary of state for war, announced that the policy of the war office was not to give commands to some of those who had not succeeded with commands in the field. The supplementary war loan and appropriation bills were then passed to a second reading.

The correspondence relating to the Anglo-German agreement has been laid before parliament. It reveals the fact that the agreement is now tri-partite. Japan, who was invited to join, made special inquiries of Germany and Great Britain concerning the agreement. Japan then replied that the Imperial government, having received assurances from the contracting parties to the effect that, in adhering to the agreement in question, they would be practically, in relation to such agreement, in the same position they would have occupied if they had been a signatory instead of an adhering state, does not hesitate formally to declare she will adhere to such an agreement, and will accept the principles embodied therein. The assurances of Germany and Great Britain alluded to are not given. The replies of the other powers do not differ from the previous announcements.

EMPRESS HAS ACCEPTED. Shanghai Report That She Has Agreed to Peace Conditions.

London, Dec. 14.—Information has reached the Wu Ching viceroys, which, according to the changhai correspondent of the Standard "that the Empress Dowager has agreed to accept the following peace conditions: "The early return of Emperor Kwang Hsu to Peking; indemnity to the amount of £40,000,000; the right of each legation to maintain a guard of 2,000 troops; and the appointment of a foreign advisor to each province of the empire."

Director Gen. Sheng has received a telegram from Sian Fu, asserting that the Empress Dowager is about to start for Cheng Ti Fu, in the province of Sze Chuan. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have received the Empress Dowager's permission to take the imperial seal from the forbidden palace and to use it in the negotiations.

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Hidden Gold

Troops Sent to Pekin on a  
Quest For Buried Treasure.

Placards in Hongkong Incite  
Chinese to Rise Against the  
Foreigners.

Pekin, Dec. 13.—A few days ago the British troops were notified of the existence of a large amount of treasure 20 miles northwest. Col. Tullock and 100 men left today to investigate. He requested, however, that 50 extra men be detailed. It is believed that a large amount of gold and valuables were buried at that point by persons connected with the Chinese court during the recent flight. The information regarding the treasure was brought by a former court official.

Hongkong, Dec. 13.—The city was placarded today with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all of the foreigners. Crowds gathered around the placards, but no actual outbreak was reported.

Reports have been received from Canton to the effect that Young Sung Po, the reformer, has been horribly tortured. Though he was strung up by the thumbs and feet, he would not confess nothing.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—An official of the navy department has informed the representative of the Associated Press that the German second-class cruisers Hertha, Hansa and Irene have escaped being frozen in at the Taku roads, and that all the other German warships are in ice-free harbors and waters. The official added that only the hospital ship Savoy and the transport Palatia were ice-bound at Taku.

## SECOND CONTINGENT.

Sail From Capetown on the Steamship  
Roslyn Castle For Canada.

Capetown, Dec. 13.—Gen. Kitchener has cabled to the authorities of South Australia, asking that the wounded Imperial Bushmen who are now convalescing be prepared to return to South Africa. Another contingent of Canadian troops started on their way home today on board the steamer Roslyn Castle. They received an enthusiastic send-off.

Sir Alfred Milner has been gazetted administrator of the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—It is pretty generally understood by those in the confidence of the ministry that some provision will be made for Canada's soldier boys who have returned, and those who have yet to return, maimed for the rest of their lives as a result of wounds received in battle, and others who have never fully recovered from the effects of enteric fever. The question is likely to be brought up and settled in the next parliament.

Major Hurdman, of "D" Battery, writing to relatives here, says the second Canadian contingent sails from Capetown today for Halifax.

This explains the item sent out by the Associated Press this morning, dated Capetown, stating that another Canadian contingent sailed by the Roslyn Castle today for England.

## TROUBLE AT MCGILL.

Principal Peterson Threatens to Expel  
a Whole Class.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—(Special)—If Principal Peterson of McGill University carries out a threat he made to second-year students in medicine, the whole class will be expelled from the university. The principal is vexed over the manner in which Prof. Macbride of the department of biology was treated by the class last week, and has demanded that the class as a whole apologize to the professor for its alleged misconduct. Failing that, he intimated he would expel every student.

## AMNESTY BILL.

First Paragraph Adopted by British  
Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the chamber of deputies today the first paragraph of the amnesty bill, which dealt with cases arising out of the Dreyfus affair, was adopted by a vote of 329 against 244. An amendment excluding cases of espionage and treason from the amnesty was adopted by a vote of 296 against 284.

## BANQUET TO LAURIER.

Premier Entertained by the Liberals at  
Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—(Special)—The Laurier banquet to-night was the largest ever attended by the Premier. Sir Wilfrid was accompanied by Messrs. Fielding, Tarte, Sifton and Paterson.

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## Frank Daniels

## In "The Ameer"

Pleasing Performance Given at  
The Victoria Theatre Last  
Night.

Despite the Fact That Two  
Leading Singers Missed  
The Boat.

Frank Daniels is good; he is very good. This, however, is no news to those who six years ago witnessed his "Little Duck." To these it was like renewing a pleasant acquaintance to see him last night at the Victoria theatre in his new comic opera success, "The Ameer," music by Victor Herbert and book, which, by the way, is replete with pretty lyrics, by Kirk La Shelle and Frederick Randall.

Not only is "The Ameer" a most melodious opera production, but it is also among the funniest that travels. Daniels is the Ameer, a hungry ruler of Afghanistan, who, fearing poison, does not eat, and from the moment he tells his troubles, in a funny recitative comic song, in which he says, "And I would die for a piece of pie," etc.—a song written for the librettist by Paul West, a New York newspaper man—he had the audience with him. He grew on them, and the laughs were louder as the performance went on. By the end of the first act closed, the audience were longing for a fourth, and would have waited until after midnight for a fifth. Those present thoroughly enjoyed it, and the theatre resounded with uproarious laughter. Frank Daniels brought many new jokes with him, too, and unloaded quite a cargo.

The audience probably imagined that Helen Redmond was weak in her part, and the same would perhaps be thought of Kate Uart, but those talented ladies they did not mind, for as a matter of fact, they did not appear. Misses Redmond and Uart spent too long in the Grand Hotel, in Seattle, yesterday morning, for in a telegram sent over by them last night they expressed regret and put the blame on the hotel clerk for not having called them in time to catch the boat. Miss Mae Edmonds, who would have had a role with an "All Hall" influence in the usual course, sang Miss Redmond's part very well, under the circumstances, and took the several solos in a capable manner. Miss Uart's part also was acceptably handled by Miss Corliss, one of the chorus ladies. Miss Edmonds regularly sang also for one of the ladies of the chorus. The two talented singers, who missed the boat, will come over by the steamer Utopia this morning, and will appear to-night.

The vivacious soprano, Miss Norma Kopp, had things all her own way in as far as the feminine roles were concerned last night. She is a pretty girl, and sang a pretty song—"The Poster Girl"—which will no doubt become popular. Among the men with Mr. Daniels are Owen Westford, Rhys Thomas, Will Danforth, William Corliss, John Wheeler and Sinclair Nash, and he is well supported with a goodly number of men. Black Jack, leader of the brigands, Will Danforth presented a picture of stately ferocity of appearance and action which was wholly delightful. Corliss, as the Court Jester, says something which are venerable—but this is an adjunct to his character. Rhys Thomas, as the British agent, is a capital character. The British agent's part—he can hardly be said, though, to act. Owen Westford is capital in the role of the Lord Chamberlain.

Daniels leads, and the others, chorus, too, keep up a lively pace, and one has to pay close attention to keep up with the running. Of the twenty chorus girls every one is young—that is, for chorus girls—and shapely, and far from dull. The male division, too, is effective, and pleased more especially in the male chorus in the second act.

The plot of "The Ameer" is sufficient for a comic opera, but it could hardly be told and be appreciated away from the elaborate settings. It would not be appreciated without the great fun-maker's drollery; with that left out, it would be like an oyster stew without oysters.

His make-ups were not only novel, but ludicrously droll. The stage settings, too, were most elaborate, and the costumes among the best. The settings of the garden of the palace, on which the curtain rises, with its beautiful scenic background, was indeed good, and the tropical forests of the brigand's stronghold, where the second act takes place, were equally good, but the gorgeous Ameer's palace, where the third act occurs, was excellent, so much so, that the audience applauded it, when the curtain went up. The showy red and green of the chorus was most pretty. In this act there is a gorgeous operatic cake-walk, and a succession of the brightest and most amusing of the intermissions, between the acts, to quote the oft-repeated lines of the libretto, "wouldn't that keep you waiting?" It certainly would.

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Barracks, will be received until 12 noon,  
TUESDAY, 15th inst., for the supply of:  
BREAD, BISCUIT AND FLOUR.  
For use, etc., of Troops at Esquimaux, B. C.,  
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from date of acceptance to the  
30th September, 1901.

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By order of the Commanding Troops, Esquimaux,  
Work Point Barracks,  
13th December, 1900.

## VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Notice is hereby given that after the end of the current term children who live in the city limits will not be received as pupils in any of the graded schools of the city, except by special permission from the Board of Trustees.

By order of the Trustees,  
FRANK H. EATON, Secretary.  
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13, 1900.

## VICTORIA THEATRE

Monday, Dec. 17th.

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Musie by Victor Herbert, composer of  
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We have a sure cure, which can be given  
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## CARD.

Having bought C. Zolle's share in the busi-  
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pleased to see my friends and patrons at  
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And \$10,000 to your estate in any event.  
For particulars, apply to THE MUTUAL  
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Provincial Manager,  
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MAN WANTS but little here—and his  
wants are satisfied through The Colonist  
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WANTED—First-class cake baker; Coast  
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state experience and where last employed.  
Apply or address St. Germain Bakery, 401  
Pike street, Seattle. d14

WANTED—A light road cart or buggy. Ap-  
ply 119 Menzies street. d14

WANTED—A second-hand billiard table; give  
price, condition, style, etc. Address  
Drawer 578, Victoria, B. C. d14

WANTED—Second-hand typewriter. Ad-  
dress P. O. Box 452, City. d14

WANTED—First-class stenographer and  
typewriter for Grand Forks. Apply by  
letter to A. C. Finnerfelt, care of Ames,  
Holden Co., Ltd. d13

WANTED—A reliable girl, to take charge  
of young child. Apply Mrs. Proctor, 109  
Stanley avenue. d14

WANTED—Farm, of fifteen to thirty acres  
of first class land, within 7 miles of town.  
Price must be moderate. Particulars and  
lowest cash price of such places may be  
sent to "A," P. O. Box 634, Victoria. d12

YOUTH required in a merchant's office;  
must be well educated, intelligent and  
write a good hand. Apply to Merchant,  
Colonist office. d12

FAIRM WANTED—We have several buyers  
for improved farm property in Saanich  
and Victoria districts. Address with  
particulars, Helsterman & Co., Victoria. d9

WOMAN wants any kind of work, by the  
day; cheap; ironing or cleaning. Apply  
47 1/2 View street. d14

WANTED—Magazines and sheet music to  
be sold; cheap; rates; suitable with  
first class work at the Colinet Book-  
bindery. d24

WANTED—By a middle-aged woman, a  
situation as gentleman's housekeeper. Ad-  
dress S. M., this office. d31

AGENTS WANTED—To sell our Boer-British  
War and Family Record Pictures. Our  
agents make from \$100 to \$200 a  
month canvassing these beautiful pieces  
of art. See our large ads. (every day) in  
another part of his paper. Home Nov-  
elty Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. d2

39 FORT STREET—The People's Boot &  
Shoe Shop and Repair Depot is the best  
place to buy men's boys' youths' and  
misses boots and shoes, where the  
price is low and the quality is high. See  
pair in window and open for your inspection  
in seven large glass cases inside.  
Shoe open till 9:30 p.m. every day.  
Recommendation of workmen to buy and  
repairing. Don't be misled by silver  
tongued advertisers. Nangle, the An-  
nouncement and Price Sheet and Shoe  
in a position to undersell all other shoe  
shops in Victoria. You don't have to pay  
high expense, shop or credit prices. Re-  
member the number, 39 Fort street. d24

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Watch dog. Apply 44 North  
Park street. d14

FOR SALE—Pedigreed St. Bernard dogs, J.  
J. Randolph & Co., Printers, Fort street. d14

FOR SALE—A three-legged rooster, 7 mos.  
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150-Mile House, Cariboo Road. d9

FOR SALE—Team heavy horses, some good  
buggy and cart horses. Apply B. C. Mar-  
ket Co., Ltd. d15

FOR SALE—Modern residence, with five  
acres of land; every convenience, includ-  
ing steam heat, beautiful location, com-  
manding the finest view of the city. Will  
be sold at cost of house alone. Particulars  
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CANARIES FOR SALE—Good singers. Ap-  
ply to 84 1/2 Douglas street, upstairs. Mrs.  
Lange. d25

FOR SALE—Visiting cards, copper plates,  
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FARM FOR SALE—116 acres; will be sold  
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d15

PEDIGREE COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE.—  
Apply to T. B. Macabe, 113 Simcoe street.  
d15

FOR SALE—Pony and buggy. Address  
Pony, this office. d22

FOR SALE—Two freshly calved cows, W.  
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FOR SALE—A lot of white carrots. Apply  
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

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As Mrs. Fraser is retiring from business  
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growing nails without pain. Parlors,  
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ecute all orders on reasonable terms for  
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ing parlors, Nos. 68 and 70 Yates street, over  
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divide to suit purchaser. Full particulars at  
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JAMES ISLAND—Or Saanich, 1 mile, 200  
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water; five roomed house, barns, etc.;  
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\$100 per acre. Apply 40 Government  
street.

VICTORIA ARM—5 acres, all under culti-  
vation, and good building site. Apply 40  
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LAKE DISTRICT—16 acres, all under culti-  
vation; seven roomed modern house,  
good barns, etc.; orchard. (Will exchange  
for one acre and good house near town.)  
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STRAWBERRY VALE PARK—3 1/2 miles  
from city; in blocks of five acres each;  
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YATES STREET—Near corner of Douglas;  
good full sized lot, \$1,600. Apply 40 Gov-  
ernment street.

TO LET—Handsome residence, nine rooms;  
modern in every respect; about one acre  
of ground, orchard, conservatory, lawn.  
Apply 40 Government street, B. C. Land &  
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SUBURBAN RESIDENCES—A nice choice;  
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LAKE DISTRICT—10 acres, all fenced;  
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not later than 6 p. m. Advertising will be  
accepted up to 8 p. m. at the business of-  
fice, but insertion cannot be guaranteed.  
For urgent advertising after 8 p. m., con-  
sult the Night Editor.

## COAST TO KOOTENAY.

In connection with the railway news  
published in yesterday's Colonist, a no-  
tice now published in the Gazette of ap-  
plication for a charter is of special in-  
terest. It is for a railway beginning at  
Vancouver, running thence to New  
Westminster; thence following the south  
bank of the Fraser to Hope; thence to  
the headwaters of the Coldwater, a  
tributary of the Nicola; thence to Prince-  
ston; thence to Keremeos; thence to Oso-  
yoos Lake; thence to Midway, and  
thence to Grand Forks. There will be  
a branch down the Coldwater to Nicola  
Lake. The approximate length of the  
proposed line will be as follows: Van-  
couver to Coldwater Junction, 132 miles;  
to Nicola Lake, 165 miles; to Princeton,  
174 miles; to Grand Forks, 267 miles.  
These distances are taken from the pro-  
vincial maps, with a 10 per cent. allow-  
ance for curvature. The railway to be  
built in pursuance of the by-law adopted  
by the citizens may form a western ex-  
tension of the line, and to get the dis-  
tance to Victoria from the points men-  
tioned, we must add 70 miles to the  
above figures. We suppose that if the  
railway from the Coast to Kootenay is  
built under the existing federal charter  
to the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern  
company, the mileage will be the same,  
as it is to be presumed the same route  
will be followed. We have information  
which satisfies us that the promoters of  
of the line, of which notice is given in  
the Gazette, are fully able financially to  
carry out the project. There is also no  
doubt as to the ability of Messrs. Mac-  
kenzie, Mann & Co. to build the V. V.  
& E., if they have determined to do so.  
The financial strength of the Great  
Northern is also beyond a question. If  
these interests combine, the work, though  
by no means a light undertaking, will  
be carried through with ease.

## SEWERAGE NEEDED.

A correspondent complains that, while  
other parts of the city are receiving  
their due share of consideration, the  
reasonable demands of Spring Ridge for  
better sewerage should have attention.  
He says the people there have to put up  
with open sewers and no sidewalks, and  
he points out that only a short time ago  
the school had to be closed because of  
diphtheria. This is a matter that ought  
not to be lost sight of, but should be  
taken up at the earliest possible moment.  
Our correspondent seems to think that  
an expenditure of about \$1,000 would  
be sufficient for present needs. We  
fancy that the cost of any considerable  
improvement would come higher than  
this. The attention of the City En-  
gineer was drawn to the subject matter  
of our correspondent's letter, and he said  
he was unable to express any definite  
opinion as to what ought to be done or  
the probable cost, because the complaint  
is too indefinite. We suggest, therefore,  
that our correspondent and those like  
him, who feel the need of something be-  
ing done to improve the sanitary condi-  
tion of that portion of the city, should  
send in to the City Council a petition,  
stating specifically what is wanted. If  
they do this, the Colonist will pledge it-  
self to see that it is kept to the front.

## INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The Report on Insurance for the year  
1899 has been received. From it we  
gather that during the year the amount  
paid out for losses by fire amounted to  
\$5,182,038, and the amount received for  
premiums was \$7,910,492. The losses  
and receipts were thus divided between  
the Canadian, British and American  
companies as follows:

Losses. Premiums.  
Canadian ...\$ 637,101 \$1,183,739  
British ... 3,867,212 5,652,238  
American ... 677,725 1,074,525

The British percentage of loss is the  
highest, the American next, and the Cana-  
dian third. It is interesting to learn  
that in thirty years the amount of fire  
losses paid in Canada was \$101,638,048,  
and the amount of premiums collected  
was \$148,461,594, which gives a net pro-  
fit of more than a million and a half a

year. In one year only did the losses  
exceed the premiums, namely, in 1877,  
when they were two and a quarter times  
as much. The extreme loss of that year,  
when the figures reached the maximum  
in the records of Canadian insurance,  
namely, \$8,490,919, was due to the great  
fire in St. John.

In 1899 fire insurance to the follow-  
ing amounts was written: By Cana-  
dian companies, \$130,500,195, at an  
average premium of 1.27 per cent.; by  
British companies, \$524,930,342, at an  
average of 1.22 per cent.; by American  
companies, \$100,257,561, at an average  
of 1.22 per cent; the total being \$756,-  
257,098, and the average premium being  
1.23 per cent. The average rate of in-  
surance is lower than it has been at any  
time since 1895. It is to be noted that  
the percentage of loss, as compared with  
premiums is lower in Canada than in  
the rest of the world, taken as a whole,  
which means that the Dominion is  
among the best fields for fire insurance  
companies.

Inland Navigation insurance showed  
premiums collected during the year to  
have amounted to \$549,854, and the losses  
to have reached \$406,359. The figures  
for Ocean Marine insurance were,  
premiums, \$450,783; losses, \$361,334.

In Life Insurance we are brought in-  
to contact with large sums. The amount  
written during the year was \$67,400,733,  
an increase of over twelve millions over  
the previous year, which seems to show  
that in good times people insure their  
lives freely. The Canadian companies  
had the most of the business, their share  
being \$42,138,128, as against \$3,748,127  
by the British companies, and \$21,514,-  
478 by the American companies. The  
life insurance outstanding when the  
statements were made up amounted to  
\$404,170,873, of which \$252,201,716 was  
held by Canadian companies, \$38,025,-  
948 by the British companies, and \$13,-  
843,209 by the American companies. The  
Canadian companies are increasing their  
business three times as fast as the Ameri-  
can companies, and seventeen times as  
fast as the British companies. The  
amount of the policies which fell due  
during the year was \$7,526,150, while  
the amount terminated by surrender or  
lapse was \$27,808,707, which shows the  
truth of the statement that a very large  
share of the profits of life insurance com-  
panies comes from payment of policies  
which never do their holder any good.

The number of lives covered by poli-  
cies during the year was 447,377, and  
there were 4,562 deaths, showing a  
death rate among insured persons of  
10.197 per cent. These deaths called for  
the payment of \$4,094,416. Out of every  
\$100 received in premiums, there was  
paid to policy holders in one form or an-  
other, \$53.01, leaving \$46.99 to go for  
reserve, expenses and profits, which  
shows life insurance to be a very good  
investment indeed. During the last  
twenty years the policy holders have re-  
ceived 53.04 per cent. of the amount  
paid in by them in premiums. The Cana-  
dian companies, other than assessment  
companies, had in 1899, the following in-  
come: Premiums, \$9,256,570, interest,  
etc., \$2,202,132; total, \$11,458,702. Their  
payments were as follows: To policy  
holders, \$3,801,089; for expenses, \$2,-  
616,951; in dividends to stockholders,  
\$88,510, making a total outlay of \$6,-  
506,550. Canadian life companies are  
doing business in almost every part of  
the world.

The assessment companies did a good  
deal of business, the amount of policies  
taken out during the year having been  
\$11,022,000, which is a decrease of  
nearly \$5,000,000 from the previous  
year. There were \$120,805,877 in-  
volved in the policies in force when the  
returns were made up. The sum of  
\$1,040,000 was made in losses by these  
companies during the year, and policies  
to the amount of \$13,739,500 were either  
surrendered or allowed to lapse. The  
receipts from members were \$1,650,862.

The accident insurance written in Cana-  
da during the year amounted to  
\$100,746,785, on which \$606,989 were  
paid in premiums, the losses being  
\$301,258, not including unsettled claims  
amounting to \$73,320.

The guarantee insurance outstanding  
during the year amounted to \$21,332,394,  
on which \$92,204 were received in pre-  
miums, the amount paid for losses being  
\$25,117, with \$9,904 in process of adjust-  
ment.

Plate-glass insurance resulted in the  
payment of \$69,415 in premiums, and in  
losses of \$30,618.

There is one company which insures  
against burglary. It has outstanding  
2,145 policies, in which \$2,249,590 are  
involved. It collected \$19,406 in pre-  
miums and paid out \$5,548 in losses.

It is said to be the intention of the  
Dominion government to ask parliament  
to make provision for Canadian soldiers  
who have been permanently disabled  
through wounds or sickness in South  
Africa. This will receive popular ap-  
proval.

The omission of the British flag from  
the decorations of the House of Repre-  
sentatives, when the flags of all other  
nations were displayed, was a dirty  
piece of business, and Speaker Hender-  
son has shown himself to be very much  
of a cad.

The powers are said to have reached  
a preliminary agreement as to what they  
will do with China. Now, what about  
China? Suppose that country should  
decide not to accept the preliminary ar-  
rangement, what will happen next?

The South American republics are  
said to have in view the formation of an  
offensive and defensive alliance, primar-  
ily directed against the United States,  
fears being felt that the latter country,  
in pursuance of its so-called Monroe  
doctrine, may seek to exercise an undue  
influence in the southern continent.

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Silks, Satins and Velveteens, all colors and shades ..... 15c to 50c.  
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the Bank of Commerce of the purchase  
of the Bank of British Columbia was  
anticipated, but it is none the less satis-  
factory to be able to record it, and also  
to mention that the general staff of the  
British Columbia Bank came in for  
warm words of praise from the chief  
officers of the purchasing institution.

The Times makes a strong argument  
in favor of the provincial government  
contributing towards the cost of a new  
bridge at Point Ellice. It points out  
that the province is a large property  
holder in the city, and as such receives  
all the protection given by the munici-  
pality to private property, but contrib-  
utes nothing whatever to the cost of  
governing the city. We think the mem-  
bers of the government will recognize  
the justice of this, and that the members  
of the legislature will also do so.

There certainly ought to be a tele-  
phone line from Victoria to Vancouver,  
with way stations at Shawnigan, Dun-  
can, Chemainus and Ladysmith, and  
perhaps at other points, and we are  
glad to learn that the project is receiv-  
ing consideration. If Shawnigan Lake  
becomes the resort next year that is an-  
ticipated, telephonic connection with Vi-  
ctoria will be absolutely essential.

They are already discussing in New  
York the names of the probable presi-  
dential candidates in 1904, Vice-Presi-  
dent Roosevelt and ex-Senator David B.  
Hill being mentioned as the Republican  
and Democratic standard-bearers re-  
spectively. We would suppose that Mr.  
Hill has as much chance of being presi-  
dent as he has of becoming an arch-  
angel, while Roosevelt has handicapped  
his prospects by becoming Vice-Presi-  
dent.

A letter signed "Verbum Sap" has  
been received. An ex parte statement  
of such a case appearing anonymously  
might do a grave injustice to the per-  
son against whom it is directed. Our  
correspondent must first state his case  
to the proper authorities and show that  
they refuse to consider it, before the  
Colonist can allow it to be presented in  
its columns. Even then the statement  
must be accompanied by the evidence,  
for we cannot place the Colonist in a  
position that may prove untenable after  
the evidence has been sifted.

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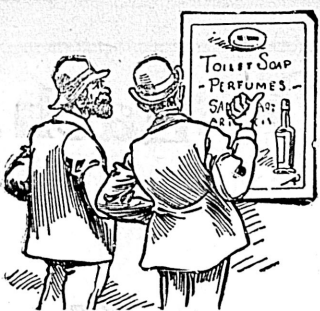
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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:40 a.m.	5.1 feet.	2:30 a.m.	6.1 feet.
10:00 a.m.	8.0 feet.	9:40 a.m.	8.4 feet.
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11:30 p.m.	6.6 feet.		

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### Interesting Exercises at the Col- legiate School Held Yester- day Evening.

### Report of the Head Master For Term and of the Examin- ers.

The closing exercises of the Collegiate school were held in the schoolroom last evening. A thoroughly representative gathering of the people attended, among those present being the Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Hanington, Sir Henry and Miss Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Langmaid, Mr. W. H. Lobb, Mrs. Caulfield, Miss Boswell, Mr. S. J. Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Patton, Mrs. J. B. Hastings, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Dupont, Mr. and Mrs. Seabrook, Miss Lawson, Mr. H. Bostock, Mr. and Mrs. Haymer, Dr. and Mrs. Potts, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. and Miss Prior, Mrs. and Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Goodacre and many others. In the absence, through illness, of the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bishop of Columbia presided, and distributed the prizes. The report of the head master, Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A., Oxon., was as follows:

Christmas, 1900.

To the Visitor of the School:

My Lord:—I have the honor to submit the report of the school during the past year. I am pleased to announce a steady increase in our numbers. In September 1897 when the school was removed from the Esquimalt road to the buildings we at present occupy, our roll was 18; now it is 66. As we are growing term by term, a serious question arises as to our accommodation, which is by no means adequate to our requirements, either in class rooms or in laboratories for boarders. I am most thankful to report that this has been an unbroken term as regards work, and that we have been free from any cases of illness whatever. Our examiners this term have been Rev. H. H. Gowen, of Seattle; the Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., rural dean, and Mr. A. J. Parish, M.A., B.N., naval instructor of H.M.S. Warlike, to all of whom we are much indebted for their valuable assistance.

Your Lordship has given us an entrance scholarship for the fifth year, which will be competed for, all being well, on the first day of the Easter term, Jan. 27, 1901. Entries for this will be received by me up to the morning of the examination.

Your Lordship has also given us two divinity prizes, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin an arithmetic prize for the third year, Mr. B. R. Seabrook has supplemented his handsome prize at the athletic sports in June last by giving us a recitation prize and a boarders' prize, and Bishop Darr of New Westminster, whose two sons are at the school, has given a moral conduct prize for the lower school, and the Messrs. Hiben one for the best map in the school. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, whose absence through illness we all deplore this evening, has shown his interest in the school by donating a moral conduct prize for the upper school.

I am pleased to report a sound moral tone throughout the school, and that the discipline is thoroughly good. Thoroughness in our aim, and the fact that we have boys from Honolulu, the Sandwich Isles and distant points of British Columbia, testifies to our being known beyond Victoria.

This term's prizes have been gained as follows: The scholarship open to the whole school, has been gained by Patton, in Form VI., with an average of 79.8, closely followed by Holden, in the upper second form, with 79.4. I sincerely congratulate Holden, a boy of 11 years of age, competing so closely with a boy of 17.

Form VI prize has been gained by Patton; Form V by Cornwall; Form IV by Newcombe I; Form III by Houghton; upper second by Holden; lower second by Drake; Form I by Stoddart.

Divinity prize for the upper school has fallen to Dart I, and in the lower school to Bendrodt. The arithmetic prize has been gained by Newcombe I, with 85 per cent., Wilnot being second with 80.

Prizes are awarded to Dart II for the upper school, and Houghton for the lower school, Pitts I being awarded an extra prize for his painstaking map of China. The moral conduct prize for the upper school has been gained by Kay; that for the lower school to Benson. The boarders' prize has fallen to Kerfoot, and the music prize, presented by Miss Archbutt, to Dart II. The recitation prizes have been gained by Geoffrey Armitage and Campbell.

In conclusion, I must heartily thank my friends and colleagues, the Rev. C. Emory Sharp, M.A., and Mr. H. J. S. Musket, for their loyal and unvarying support and co-operation in assisting me to carry on the work of the school, which, by God's blessing, is in such a prosperous condition.

J. W. LAING, M.A.

The report of Rev. W. D. Barber, M.A., rural dean, is as follows:

December 13, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—I enclose my report of the examination of the lower school, and the English subjects in the upper school: Dictation.

Form III.—Houghton 94, Marshall, Harrison II, Spencer I and Hastings I come first, all doing excellent work.

Literature and English Recitation. Form IV.—Armitage obtains full marks in this subject, and is deserving of special mention, for careful memorizing and clearness of enunciation. Kerfoot, Campbell and Kay are also marked excellent.

Form III.—Houghton 96, Marshall, Garrett, Harrison II, and Spencer I are worthy of commendation for their intelligent rendering of their work and knowledge of the subjects.

THE LOWER SCHOOL.

Lower Second Form.

Divinity.—Bendrodt takes first place, obtaining full marks in the questions set. Arithmetic.—Benson, 70, and Martin, 71, come first, the general average being 60 per cent. for the form.

Reading, Writing and Spelling.—Drake obtains an average of 81 per cent., Bendrodt 70, Pinder 68.

Geography and History.—In these subjects Pinder comes first, with 85, and Bendrodt, 80, on the average.

The results as a whole are satisfactory, showing systematic and methodical teaching. The general percentage is above the average. I especially commend Armitage and Houghton for high average of marking.

A thorough grounding in English being an essential of modern education, so far as my observation goes, I can testify to the standard of excellence which the Collegiate school has reached in these subjects.

W. D. BARBER, M.A.

The mathematical examiner's report is as follows:

Esquimalt, Dec. 11, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—In accordance with your request, I have examined the boys of the Collegiate school in mathematics. I enclose the marks gained by the boys in the following papers, namely, arithmetic, algebra, and Euclid.

Arithmetic.—The whole school took the same arithmetic paper, and with three or four exceptions, it was well done. Patton obtained full marks; Wilnot, Dart I, Houghton, Leiser and Newcombe I gained over 90 per cent., which is a very creditable performance. 19 out of 34 boys examined obtained over 50 per cent.

Algebra.—The boys were examined in this subject in three divisions, a separate paper being given to each division. In Division I Wilnot did a very good paper, and obtained 90 per cent. The rest did fairly well, and averaged about half marks, though in this division there seemed rather a weakness in the definitions of the subject.

In Division II a very good knowledge of the subject was shown, the division only contains six boys and only one boy failed to get over 80 per cent. Bell and Patton both obtained full marks. Leiser, Johnson, Todd I obtained over 90 per cent.

In Division III Houghton obtained full marks, and Kerfoot is only one mark behind him, while Dart II and Newcombe I obtained over 90 per cent.

Euclid.—The boys were examined in this subject in three divisions, a separate paper being set to each division.

In Division I Patton is first with 90 per cent., Dart I and Potts obtained over 50 per cent.

Perhaps the paper may have been a little long for the time at their disposal, but there were very few attempts at the riders; the propositions, however, were carefully and well done.

In Division II Leiser is first, with 90 per cent., and Campbell obtains over half marks. In Division III Kerfoot obtains 83 per cent., Johnson and Newcombe I, the only other two taking up Euclid in this division, over 60 per cent.

On the whole the style in which the papers were done shows that there has been careful and sound instruction.

A. J. PARISH, M.A.

The Rev. H. H. Gowen reported as follows:

Victoria, Dec. 12, 1900.

Dear Mr. Laing:—I enclose herewith the list of marks obtained by the boys of the Collegiate school in the recent Christmas examinations, and I feel that I sincerely congratulate you on the results arrived at. The subjects all show signs of having been very carefully taught, and the average of marks obtained is encouragingly high.

According to the showing of the actual figures, Holden comes out with the best average in the whole school, so far as my examination goes, having obtained 79 per cent. of the total possible, but as I have only examined him in five subjects as compared with eight given in the other forms, I feel it would hardly be fair to prefer him to Patton who in eight subjects, comes out with an average of 75 per cent. I therefore adjudge to him the highest honor of the examination just concluded. Not far behind Patton comes Potts of Form V, with an average of 74, and Houghton in Form III has done exceedingly well, with an average of 69. The highest average in Form IV has been obtained by Johnson, with 65. Of the individual subjects, I would like to say that all the Greek papers are exceedingly good, Patton and Dart I running each other close for the highest marks.

In Latin, Hanington's was the best paper in the school, and deserves special mention. The best French papers were done by Wilnot and Houghton. Divinity produced good papers in every form, Dart I, Potts, Kerfoot, Houghton and Holden deserving special mention.

The English history paper of Newcombe I comes next to gaining full marks, while Patton and Potts did almost equally well. The geography was good all through, finding its best expression in the papers of Wilnot, Potts, Newcombe II and Holden.

In general knowledge, Potts easily outdistanced all competitors. The essay work shows some good compositions, with results as follows:

Form VI.—Dart I 1st, Hanington 2nd. Form V.—Potts 1st, Dorrell 2nd. Form IV.—Armitage 1st, Kerfoot 2nd. Form III.—Houghton 1st, Pitts I 2nd.

The best essay on the whole is that by Potts. Reviewing the papers as a whole, I am able to express my general appreciation of the work shown. Spelling and writing were not always up to the mark, the questions are not always understood, and there were many gleams of the unconscious humor of the schoolboy in the answers given, such as the idea that Maunday Thursday was so called from the mourning which followed the execution of Charles I, or that the father and mother of St. John were Mr. and Mrs. Zedeebe, but these are things always to be expected.

The amount of solid work exhibited counterbalances all defects, and has made the task of an examiner a very pleasant one.

In conclusion, I would say that you and your colleagues are to be heartily congratulated on the work accomplished during the past term.

H. H. GOWEN.

A musical programme was carried out by the boys, after which, some scenes from "Le Malade Imaginaire," of Moliere were rendered. The boys who took part in these were: Hanington, Wilnot and Keefer II. The acting and French pronunciation of the boys was very good. An interval followed, in which refreshments were served in the large schoolroom. A scene from "The Scheinm Lieutenant," of Sheridan, completed the programme. Harrison I, Hanington and Potts acted very well in this play, and Kay made a most charming young lady. In his remarks, the Bishop of Columbia referred to the continued success of the school, which is now a factor in the education of the rising generation of Victoria. He also adverted to the real want of a girls' school, carried on under the same lines as that of the Collegiate school, being filled in Victoria. He paid a compliment to the wife of the head master, to whose efforts were due much of the school's prosperity. Mr. Justice Martin added his testimony to the words of the Bishop, and expressed his thorough approval of the school's organization, and of the progress his son had made under its tuition. The singing of "God Save the Queen" terminated a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The school will re-open on Monday, January 7, 1901.

OVERCOME BY HEAT.

Girls Working in the Bake-Room of a Biscuit Factory Faint.

What seemed at first to be a serious affair caused Dr. Robertson to be hurried across to the Dallas road late yesterday afternoon. In the oven room of the Smith biscuit factory Miss Humphrey and two sisters by the name of Hill have been working for the past week, handling the great rows of biscuits in and out over the hot furnace. The room, of course, shares the high temperature of the ovens, as each time the door lifts upward a whiff like a furnace blast rushes out. Shortly before 6 all three were prostrate. The fainting fit that followed was so long as to alarm their fellow-workers, who telephoned to Mr. Smith's down-town place of business, and in a few minutes that gentleman had Dr. Robertson on the scene. By that time, however, all had revived, though one of the girls complained of a severe headache, and another was scarcely able to sit up. Placed in a reclining position and some stimulants being administered, she soon recovered, and a hack being called, all three were taken home.

At the outset the attack was thought to have been one of asphyxiation from gases possibly escaping from the furnace, but as no trace of such could afterwards be discovered, the matter has been generally set down to the heat attendant upon their occupation in the bake-shed. The last accounts from all were a most favorable sort.

WHERE ARE THE SKEPTICS?

In spite of all the evidence published in the daily press, and even in spite of the testimony of your best friends, you may still be skeptical regarding the unusual virtues of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Nothing short of an actual trial will prove to you beyond the possibility of doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment is an absolute cure for all.

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CITY POLICE COURT.

The Charge Against Hume Yerrington Dismissed by Magistrate.

Hall Yesterday.

After a trial extending over a couple of weeks, the charge against Hume Yerrington of being in possession of a pair of field glasses stolen from the Royal salmon cannery, dismissed. Mr. George E. Powell made an eloquent plea for his client, pointing out the many points in his favor. The magistrate said there were certainly many things in favor of the defendant, and dismissed the case.

Alexander McCulloch was sentenced to a month with hard labor for wilful injury to property. He went into the Klondike restaurant on Store street, kept by Japanese, and, after partaking of a meal, refused to pay for it. Upon the Japs pressing him for the money, McCulloch lost his temper and commenced tossing chinaware, glasses and other paraphernalia around the place. He was soon afterwards placed under arrest, and for 30 days will not be troubled with demands for the payment of board.

Likewise James Thompson will eat three meals a day for the next month at the public expense. His offence consisted in taking a piece of lead pipe, the property of Moore & Whittington, who had left it on the sidewalk in front of the old North Pacific saloon.

Panny Bradley was fined \$50 for being an inmate of a bawdy house.

FORESTERS ENTERTAIN.

Gathering of Members and Friends at Sir William Wallace Hall.

Last Evening.

At Sir William Wallace Hall last evening a most enjoyable time was spent by the members of Court Columbia, Canadian Order of Foresters, and their friends, to the number of about 75. The time was spent in games, varied at intervals with the following programme: Piano duet, Miss Pick and Mr. Fisher; solo, "The Children Home," Miss Peden; solo, "Story Ever Sweet and True," Miss King; vocal duet, "Oh, Love, Stay One Moment," Mrs. Blackman and Miss Peden; song, "Mid the Green Fields of Virginia," Mr. George Donaldson; recitation, "Bobby Shafter," Miss Pick; solo, "A Dream Within a Dream," Mrs. Blackman; comic song, Mr. Hankin; solo, "The Ballad Singer," Miss King; piano solo, Miss Roach.

Mr. J. D. McNiven, chief ranger of the court, gave a brief address on the aims, objects and benefits of the order.

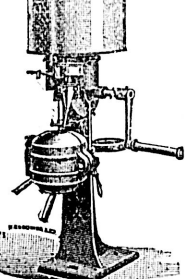
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Coffee and cake were served, and at the conclusion of the programme a few remained to participate in a dance.

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Meliger—He's pretty well posted in social institutions, isn't he? Thingumbob—Yes, I believe he's posted for non-payment of dues at all his clubs, if that's what you mean.—Philadelphia Press.

Americans are known as a dyspeptic people. The exterior of this disease may be inferred from the multitude of so-called "medicines" offered as a remedy. They are often in tablet form, and have no value except as palliatives of the immediate effects of dyspepsia. The man who uses them may feel better but is surely getting worse. They do not touch the real cause of the disease.

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE RESPECTING THE REBATE ON EXPORTED TIMBER.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order-in-Council of the 23rd August, 1900, which provides for the discontinuance, from the 1st day of July, 1900, of the rebate on all timber exported, beyond the limits of the Province, has been amended so as to provide that the said rebate shall be allowed to and be discontinued from the 31st of December, 1900, on all timber shipped to FOREIGN ports without the Dominion.

J. D. PRENTICE, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Secretary's Office, 3rd December, 1900.

NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS.

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works hereby invites the Architects of British Columbia to submit, on or before Saturday, the 22nd day of December next ensuing, (competitive) drawings, specifications and estimates of cost, for the construction of a Government House at Victoria, B. C.

Particulars of competition and further information can be obtained from the undersigned.

W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., Oct. 31, 1900.

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## Meetings And Amusements

Primrose and Dockstadter Appear at Victoria Theatre on Monday.

Fifth Regiment Band Concert--Sale of Work For St. Marks.

In presenting their latest creation in minstrelsy, Messrs. Primrose & Dockstadter have in store for the public many new surprises and novel features, also a complete new scenic and lighting equipment. Primrose & Dockstadter and their company of minstrel artists will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Monday evening. They have by their past proven to theatre goers that minstrelsy is a choice form of entertainment when properly given, and is equal and in most respects superior, to the legitimate drama of to-day, as its pure and wholesome comedy, its vocal excellence and its varied and entertaining specialties go to make up an entertainment which can be attended by ladies and young people, never at any time going beyond the limits of propriety in its efforts to be an delectable. Messrs. Primrose & Dockstadter have surrounded themselves this season with a company of comedians, vocalists and specialists which has never been equaled before. The scenic and lighting effects and the costumes are said to be far ahead of anything ever before attempted in this line.

A delightful evening will surely be spent by all who attend the Fifth Regiment band promenade concert at the Drill hall to-morrow night. The programme will include many "first time" numbers, among which is a solo for cornet by Bandsman North. Mr. Frank LeRoy is to be the extra attraction.

After evensong on Sunday next at St. John's church, the third of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given, when Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Jameson, Miss Armon and Mr. Gideon Hicks; solo violinist, Master Bertie Foote; assistant organist and violinist, Mr. Jesse Longfield.

A sale of work in connection with St. Mark's church will be held in the Tolmie school, Boleskine road, to-day. The Ladies' Working Society of St. Mark's and friends have generously contributed a large assortment of children's clothing, useful and fancy articles, which will be offered at reasonable prices. The Bishop of Columbia has kindly consented to open the sale of work at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Garrison Dance Club will hold their second annual military ball at Work Point Barracks on January 4. Admittance is only by special invitation.

To-night Vancouver encampment, No. 1, I.O.O.F., will pay a fraternal visit to P. L. Lodge, No. 33. The encampment degrees are a necessary qualification for grand representation.

On Tuesday evening next the Philharmonic Society will open their fourth season with a choral and orchestral concert in the Institute hall, when an excellent programme will be presented. The first part of the programme will include selected solos and choruses from Handel's "Messiah" in which Mrs. Janlon and Messrs. A. T. Goward and Mr. Crane will take part. Mr. Crane is a bass vocalist hailing from the old country, and this will be his first appearance in Victoria. In the second part of the programme, the orchestra will be heard in Plotow's "Stradella" overture, a movement from Massenet's "Scenes Pittoresques," and with the chorus will give Beethoven's chorale "Fantasia," in which the beautiful obbligato part will be taken by Mrs. H. Walshe Windle. Mrs. Windle will also be heard in Mendelssohn's "Concerto in G Minor" for piano and orchestra. The remaining soloists will be Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. Moresby and Mr. Ernest A. Powell. Mrs. Warfield is a resident of Helena, Montana, and is a highly recommended soprano vocalist, whose first appearance in Victoria will be looked forward to.

This evening in the Sunday school room of the First Presbyterian church the Boys' Brigade will give an entertainment for which elaborate preparations have been made. There will be a splendid programme, including drills by the boys.

Don't delay the day till the bandstand opens. Call for Jesse Moore "AAA" whiskey.

"My wife asserts that she saves my life at least once every year."

"Tow's that?"

"She won't let me go hunting."—Chicago Record.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Must Have Permit.—City Superintendent Eaton has given notice that hereafter pupils residing outside the city limits will not be allowed to attend the city schools without permission from the board of school trustees.

His First Court.—Mr. George E. Powell, recently appointed judge of the court of revision for the districts in the vicinity of Victoria, held his first court at Parson's Bridge on Wednesday. A number of applications were disposed of.

Wanted an Owner.—A party of boys yesterday brought to the city police station two gold and two silver chains, a brooch and pair of bracelets, which they found in the woods at Victoria West. The articles do not answer the description of any reported to the police as having been stolen.

Successful Concert.—A large crowd last evening attended the concert given in Sample's hall, Victoria West, in aid of the junior athletic association of the western suburb. The concert was most successful in every way, every number being encored. The funds will be largely augmented as a result of the entertainment. Rev. W. D. Barber occupied the chair.

Property Recovered.—Yesterday morning Constable McDonald, who has been detailed on a number of the recent cases of petty theft, and has been most successful, found in a second-hand store a nickel-plated corkscrew and attachments for a bar, which was stolen on Wednesday from Messrs. Pither & Leiser. The man who sold the articles is known to the police and will probably be arrested to-day.

Mrs. Lines Dead.—The death occurred last evening at her home, 57½ St. Lawrence street, of Mrs. Edmond Lines, who has been a resident of Victoria since 1876. She was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and 65 years of age. A husband in this city, daughter in San Francisco, and son in Boston, survive her. The funeral is arranged for Saturday afternoon.

Trading Stamp Tax.—An information was yesterday sworn to by Mr. E. C. Smith, assistant city treasurer, charging the Dominion Trading Stamp Company, through Miss Murphy, the local manager, with refusing to pay their license for the month of December, amounting to \$110. The company had their November license, but now propose to test the legality of the by-law.

Work at Mount Sicker.—Among the guests of the Victoria hotel is Mr. E. W. Molander, of the Key City Bell Works, of Port Townsend. This gentleman has just returned from a visit to Mount Sicker, where he has important mining interests. During the past autumn work on these properties was suspended, but with the new year, Mr. Molander expects to have operations prosecuted before spring sets in. He left for Port Townsend last evening.

Needs Widening.—At Monday evening's meeting of the council, Ald. Cooley will move that the work of widening Menzies street between Oswego and Niagara to the full width of 43 feet, be carried out under the provisions of the local improvement by-law. Menzies street, from Oswego to the Dallas road, is very narrow, but the street railway only runs as far as Niagara, and the same necessity for widening the rest of the street does not exist. Besides most of the property on the east side between Oswego and Niagara has not been improved and the cost will not be so great.

Needs a Home.—An old colored man, Shakespeare by name, who has been an inmate of the Jubilee hospital for some time, was removed to the police station yesterday, having become unmanageable at the hospital. He has been doleful enough at the station, spending his time in the corridors playing his violin, which for many years he played in the saloons of the lower portion of the city, for a living. He is hardly a fit subject for the hospital, nor yet for the lock-up, his proper place being in a home for the feeble.

At Last Settled.—The case of York v. the steamer Hero, which has been hanging fire in the Admiralty court since last spring, was settled yesterday. Mr. Justice Martin, with the consent of both parties, giving judgment for the defendant. The counter claim was withdrawn. The action was started to recover for work done on the steamer while she was in the dry dock. Mr. York commenced painting the vessel, but the work not proving satisfactory, he knocked off his men. He claimed he should be paid for what he had done, but the owners held that the work had to be done over, and that they were heavy losers by the delay, having to engage another firm at practically their own figures.

Quietly Married.—Yesterday afternoon a quiet wedding was celebrated at the

manse by Dr. Campbell, of Cadboro Bay road, when Mr. James Cummings and Mrs. McNabb, both of the young city of Ferguson, in the Trout Lake district of Kootenay, were made man and wife. The bride couple will spend a few days' honeymoon on the Coast before returning to Ferguson, where Mr. Cummings is the proprietor and manager of the Balmoral hotel.

Mr. Mackay's Condition.—The many friends of Mr. Jos. W. Mackay, of the Indian department, will regret to hear that yesterday he was reported to be much worse. Mr. Mackay, who is among the oldest of the pioneers of the province, has been ailing for the greater part of the past summer, and his health since grew rapidly much weaker. For some time yesterday he lay in an unconscious state, but it is hoped that the robust vigor for which he has been so noted in the past will enable him to shake off the attack and once more resume his official duties.

Mrs. Parker Dead.—Mrs. John Parker, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Victoria, died last evening, after an illness of almost six weeks. She was one of Victoria's pioneers, for with her husband, who came from England in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, she reached Vancouver Island in 1853, and lived to see the little settlement around the Hudson's Bay fort grow into the progressive city of to-day. Her eldest daughter was a fine and white child born on the Island. Mrs. Parker is survived by her husband and ten children—six daughters, Mrs. Ball of Rocky Point, Mrs. A. Lindsay, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. Crogan; and four sons, John, Albert, William and Henry.

Charge Dismissed.—The charge against a Chinese laundryman of Esquimalt of having stolen two sacks of coal from H. M. navy, was dismissed by Magistrate H. Tull in the provincial police court yesterday. The information was laid under a section of the code dealing with stealing from a barge, for which a term of 14 years can be imposed. It was proved that the coal found in the Chinaman's possession was Welsh coal, such as is used by the navy, but that it had been stolen from a navy, and therefore the charge failed. The Chinaman said he had bought the coal from a boatman for 90 cents and pointed the boatman out to the police. The boatman denied that he had made the sale. A lot of coal has been stolen from the navy, therefore the prosecution of the Chinaman, Mr. Frank Higgins appeared for the defence.

Allan Cameron's Successor.—Word has been received here that Mr. W. Peters, now district freight agent in the Kootenay district, with headquarters at Nelson, has been appointed to succeed Allan Cameron as assistant general freight agent at Vancouver. Mr. Cameron, as already announced, has been appointed Asiatic manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.'s trans-Pacific line, with headquarters at Hongkong. He is now on his way to the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific at Montreal, and on his return will turn over the office to his successor and sail for the Orient. Mr. Peters has been connected with the freight department of the Canadian Pacific since about 1887, and came to the Coast from Winnipeg about five years ago. He is a practical railroad man, and those who know him say he is worthy of the promotion, being capable, and generally popular. The transfer is expected to take place about December 25.

Maltbys Again Suffer.—During the enforced absence at the isolation hospital of the Maltby family, who have been before the public on several occasions lately on account of their belief in faith healing and refusal to have doctors attend their children when suffering from diphtheria, their residence was entered and a number of small articles stolen. James Bates, in whose possession some of the articles were found, was yesterday placed under arrest. Following his theory that no physical effort is required to protect life or property, if the heart is free from sin, the Maltbys refused to lock their house when they were taken to the hospital, and as in the case of the child who died, prayer did not prevail. The goods stolen consisted of an alarm clock, stamps and other small articles. A room occupied by a girl still at the hospital was also ransacked, but it is not known whether anything was stolen. The children who had diphtheria are recovering under the care of the doctors and nurses.

Children's Sale.—The Junior Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church, supervised by Mrs. Wood and Miss M. Wilson, held a very successful sale of work on Wednesday last. The hall was decked very prettily with flags and bunting. The large stock of fancy goods were disposed of to eager purchasers. In the evening a concert was held, the programme being as follows: Take in NOIP

Mercer's Embroiderment.—George P. Mercer, the bluejacket who deserted from H. M. S. Warspite and ran away with the proceeds of the concert given by the Ocean Rovers, under his management, in aid of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, got away with more than was at first thought. Not only did he take the concert funds, but also a sum belonging to the ship's stores, making over \$300. Mercer was much incensed over the flight of Mercer, and may take steps to secure his extradition.

## BUSINESS POINTERS.

Santa Claus has arrived via the Great Northern railroad at Cheapside, with the usual attractive and valuable Xmas stock.

W. T. Hardaker's auction sale of desirable furniture takes place to-day at his salesroom, Douglas street.

A first-class cake baker can find employment at the St. Germain Bakery, Seattle. See advertisement in Want Column.

A watch dog is offered for sale at No. 44 North Park street.

A panoramic view of the wreck of Galveston by the tidal wave, will be shown at No. 62 Fort street, shortly by the "Searchlight" Amusement Co. Particulars are given in local columns.

The White House offers some great bargains in Xmas gloves.

The Granville school, 1175 Haro street, Vancouver, will re-open January 1st. Teachers called on may be applied to the principal, Mademoiselle Korn.

A light road cart or buggy is wanted at 119 Menzies street. See advertisement.

Some of Spencer's holiday novelties and useful gifts are particularized on page 4. Read the list.

Tenders are called for supplying the troops at Work Point barracks with bread, flour and biscuits; and bids must be in by Tuesday, the 18th instant, at noon.

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Finance and Commerce

ON WALL STREET. New York, Dec. 13.—The stock market to-day was less under the influence of the individual speculators, and more under that of the coming exigencies of the money market. Even the sensational and buoyant rise in Erie stocks of the last half hour hardly served to more than check the advance in the general market. Twenty-eight years is given as the elapsed period since an Erie Co. stock sold as high as 50 on the Stock Exchange. Today the 1st pfd. sold at 52½ in the late dealings. The extreme advances for to-day in the company stock were the com. 3½; for 1st pfd. 4½; and for 2nd pfd. 5½. The inspired announcement that the contract of sale had been signed between the Pennsylvania Coal Co. and a syndicate headed by the central power in the anthracite trade, was the cause of buoyancy. The bid for Pennsylvania Coal was rapidly advanced without bringing out any stock except an occasional odd lot at intervals, until a full lot of 100 shares was sold at another 4½. Last night the stock was 610 bid and 745 asked. But the market for it has been purely nominal, and it sold at 450½ last night. Notwithstanding the notable efforts of this operation on the Erie stocks, and efforts made by speculators to emphasize the general benefit to result to the anthracite industry as a whole, the effect was very small, even on the other anthracite stocks, which were none of them more than steady. Some firmness was manifested in the southern stocks on having seen the effect in the interest of the bull pool. The effect was most notable in the Washash securities, otherwise selling was general throughout the day, and the stocks which have persisted in their upward movement this week were, as a rule, the weakest. This was noticeably true of the steel group, in which the declines ran up to two points or over. American Steel and the New York public utilities fell from about 2 to 3½ points. A number of other prominent stocks, both in the railroad and industrial list, fell from 1½ to 2½. The general movement is face to face with the certainty of a very weak bank statement on Saturday. Already the Standard Oil dividend will pass through clearing house, involving a disbursement which is like to make additional roads on available credits, and so increase reserve requirements.

## NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 13.—The closing quotations on the Stock Exchange to-day were as follows:

American Tobacco	106½
American Sugar	125
Anacostia Mining Co.	47½
A. T. & S. P. pfd.	39½
A. T. & S. P. pfd.	83½
American Steel & Wire	42½
Baltimore & Ohio	80
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Brooklyn Rapid Transit	73
Canada Southern	68½
Chesapeake & Ohio	37½
Chicago & North Western	137
C. R. I. & P.	115
C. M. & S. P.	120½
Continental Tobacco	35
Continental Tobacco	35
Consolidated Gas, N. Y.	187
D. L. & W.	185
Delaware & Hudson	118
Denver & Rio Grande	100
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd.	80½
D. S. & A. pfd.	14½
General Steel	51½
General Steel, pfd.	70½
General Electric	100
Gleason Co., com.	53½
Illinois Central	125½
Jersey Central	114½
Kansas & Texas	115
Lake Erie & Western	100½
Louisville & Nashville	82½
Manhattan Elevator	108½
Mechanical & Reading	100½
Metropolitan Traction	100
National Lead	10½
Northern Pacific, com.	71
Northern Pacific, pfd.	82
New York Central & Hudson	98
New York, Lake Erie & Western	20½
N. Y. L. E. & W. 2nd pfd.	31½
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd.	32½
New York, Ontario & Western	27½
Pacific Mail	45
Pressed Steel, com.	40
Pressed Steel, pfd.	49½
Pittsburgh & Reading	115
Southern Railway	68
Southern Railway, pfd.	68
Southern Pacific	42
Texas Pacific	69½
Twin City	68
U. S. Leather	134
U. S. Leather, pfd.	76
U. S. Rubber	27½
U. S. Rubber, pfd.	71
Union Pacific, com.	81½
Union Pacific, pfd.	81½
Western Union	100
Western Union	83½
C. P. R. in London	90
Commercial Cable	170½ to 173

Money on call steady, at 3 to 6 per cent.; last loan 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½ to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange paper at \$4.84½ for demand and at \$4.84½ for 30 days. Postal rates \$4.81½ for demand and \$4.81½ for 30 days. Commercial bills \$4.80 to \$4.80½. Bar silver 64½¢. Mexican dollars

## PIONEER TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

### DAILY MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by B. Williams & Co.)  
New York, Dec. 13.—The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchange to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	70¼	70¾	70	70
Corn—				
May	42¼	42¾	41¾	41¾
At S. R. p. Dec. 15.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day:				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amn. Sugar	120¼	120¾	120¼	120¼
Amn. Tob.	107¼	107¾	106¾	107¼
S. P. Chicago	98¾	99	98	98¾
C. M. & S. P.	127¼	127¾	126¾	126¾
C. B. & Q.	137¾	138	136¾	136¾
C. S. R. p.	109½	110	109	109½
C. I. & P.	115¾	115¾	115	115½
B. R. T.	74	74¾	72¾	72¾
A. & S. F. pfd.	84	84½	83½	83½
A. S. com.	42¾	43¼	41¾	41¾
A. S. & W. com.	44¼	44¼	42¾	43
B. & O.	80	80	79¾	79¾
L. & N.	84	84	82¾	83¼
U. P. com.	72	72	71¾	71¾
U. P. pfd.	81½	81½	81¼	81¼
Con. Tob.	35¼	35¼	35	35
Ped. Steel	52¾	52¾	51½	51½
N. P. com.	71¾	71¾	71¼	71¼
S. P. com.	82½	82½	82	82
T. C. & I.	61¼	61¼	60	60
A. & S. F. com.	39¾	39¾	39¼	39¼
W. U. com.	84	84	83½	83½

Money loaning at 6 per cent.

THE METAL MARKET.  
New York, Dec. 13.—Pig iron dull; northern \$14.00 to \$16.50; southern \$13.50 to \$15.00; cast iron dull; broilers \$17.00; exchange \$17.00. Lead quiet; broker \$4.00; exchange \$4.37½. Tin unsettled; Straits \$28.75. Spelter weak; domestic \$1.15 to \$1.20.

CHICAGO MARKETS.  
Chicago, Dec. 13.—The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 70¼; Jan. 70¼; May 70¼.
Corn—Dec. 36¾; Jan. 35½; May 35½.
Oats—Dec. 21½; May 21½.

"Your husband seems to be making a large and unique collection of books," remarked the caller, looking with interest at the costly array of rare volumes on the library shelves.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Gaswell, with well-bred indifference. "I believe he becomes more bibulous every day he lives."—Chicago Tribune.

## A SEVERE CASE OF ITG-ING PILES

A Well-known Minister Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation and Was Thoroughly Cured of Piles by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist minister, Comstock, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abscesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose."

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Dr. Chase's Ointment has done so much for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly affected."

No physician or druggist would think for a moment of recommending any other preparation than Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for piles. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

## J. H. GETSCHMANN,

FAMILY GROCER.  
30 Humboldt St., Cor. Douglas  
TELEPHONE 633.

Japanese Oranges, per box ..... 45  
Granulated Flour, per sack ..... 1.40  
Hunarian Sugar, 17½ lbs ..... 1.00  
New Dates, 2 lbs ..... 25  
Our Own Mince-meat, 2 lbs ..... 25  
Pratt's Astral Oil ..... 1.35

## SWEET CIDER NOW READY FOR SALE.

## Corporation of the City of Victoria

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, 1900, at the City Pound, situate on Chambers street, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, I shall sell by public auction the following animal, viz: one white horse, unless the said animal is redeemed and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

F. CURRAN, Pound Keeper.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1900.

## WO SANG, MERCHANT TAILOR.

NEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED.  
Fit Guaranteed.

## FOR SOLID COMFORT

Get WEATHER STRIPS for your Doors and Windows. Sold and fitted by

J. P. BURGESS, 10 Broughton St.

## TO ENGINEERS AND STEAM USERS

I give free for the asking a BOOK containing 500 points that every Engineer ought to know; also contains answers to questions usually asked when applying for ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE.

When you want a reliable PUMP or INJECTOR, call on MARINE IRON WORKS.

## BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1862.)  
CAPITAL (with power to increase) £500,000  
RESERVE £100,000  
HEAD OFFICE 60 LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, ENGLAND.

BRANCHES  
N BRITISH COLUMBIA—Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Nelson, Sandon, Rossland.  
IN THE UNITED STATES—San Francisco and Portland.

AGENTS AND CORRESPONDENTS  
N CANADA—Canadian Bank of Commerce, Merchants' Bank of Canada, The Montreal Bank, Imperial Bank of Canada, Bank of Nova Scotia and Union Bank of Canada.  
N THE UNITED STATES—Canadian Bank of Commerce (Agency), New York; Bank of Nova Scotia, Chicago; Bank of Nova Scotia, Boston.

IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND—Bank of Australasia.  
IN HONOLULU—Bishop & Co.



## Three Acres For Sale Cheap

This property, all under cultivation, and situated close to the city limits, and near the sea, with a spring of water on the premises, can be bought for \$850.

## Pemberton & Son

45 Fort Street.

## THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,  
Victoria, Dec. 13—8 p.m.  
SYNOPSIS.

"Yesterday's storm area was quickly succeeded by another, which developed considerable energy, causing strong southeasterly gales in this vicinity. Rain has fallen in Oregon, Washington, and the southern part of the province, being especially heavy at Neah, Bay and New Westminster. The temperature has risen at most points west of the Cascades. In the Northwest the high barometer area and accompanying cold wave still cover Manitoba, where maximum temperatures of 12 degrees below zero are reported to-day. Light snow has also fallen at various points in the Northwest.

TEMPERATURE.  
Victoria, Dec. 13—44 50  
New Westminster 44 50  
Min. Max.  
Kamloops 32 44  
Barkerville 32 44  
Calgary 32 44  
Winnipeg 24 40  
Portland, Ore. 44 56  
San Francisco 40 52

FORECASTS.  
For 24 hours from 5 a.m.—(Pacific time)—Friday:  
Victoria and vicinity: Strong winds from east and south, somewhat decreasing in force; continued unsettled and mild, with rain.  
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate east and south winds; unsettled, with rain; not much change in temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.  
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m.  
Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13.  
5 a.m. 45  
Noon 49  
5 p.m. 49  
Lowest 44  
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:  
5 a.m. 4 miles northeast.  
Noon 28 miles southeast.  
5 p.m. 44 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Unsettled.  
Rain—0.6 inch.  
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.604  
Corrected 29.625

NEW WESTMINSTER.  
Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.64

## PASSENGERS.

By steamer Utopia from the Sound:

M. O'Brien S. J. Maxwell  
F. Vaughan C. C. Morrison  
G. McLaughlin C. J. Tallow  
J. Wilkinson T. Gonne  
C. Butler Mrs. Gonne  
C. Andersen E. L. Stowe  
A. C. Hannah Mrs. Stowe  
G. Fovier Mrs. Franks  
R. R. Rodgers Mrs. Franks  
H. H. Sterling T. Lawrence  
Geo. Moody C. Butler  
J. W. Cody P. Muttig

By steamer Charming from Vancouver:

F. J. Hall L. H. Eyre  
Miss Beers Mrs. Whitlaw  
Miss Perkins Mrs. CONN  
C. O. Coleman J. H. Todd & Son  
Mrs. Foster J. Jackson  
W. Carmichael Fletcher Bros.  
Mrs. B. G. G. W. C. W. Co.  
C. J. Major Geo. Power  
C. M. Holston P. Wallerton  
S. Long W. Woodlinton  
S. Cassidy Hickman T. H. Co.  
H. G. Walker Hinton E. A. Fox  
J. R. Stet M. H. A. Fox  
Joe Colton J. A. Wilson  
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P. F. Mathews G. H. N. Tel. Co.  
E. Dewdney E. H. & Co.  
F. J. Wheeler T. Earle  
R. Collier S. Soupal & Co.  
P. F. Robertson Reichenbach & Co.  
Mrs. B. G. G. W. C. W. Co.  
P. O'Donnell Marine Railway  
E. M. Rattenbury H. E. Staver  
E. F. Geiler J. H. Staver  
L. P. Duff J. H. Staver  
J. Cochran T. N. Hibben & Co.  
H. H. Hiscocks M. C. Cookson  
J. T. Miller W. C. Cookson  
W. F. Scott Thos. Watson  
T. H. Allice Mrs. A. J. Stewart  
D. G. Longstreet B. H. Johnson  
G. H. Longstreet Marine Iron Works

By steamer Rosalie from the Sound:

C. Wurtele Miss Tanner  
H. L. Billings D. W. Riddle  
Mrs. Anderson F. Warren  
J. T. Miller J. H. Staver  
C. Brash Chas. McConnell  
W. J. Kecker Master McConnell  
J. A. Watson Miss McConnell  
P. F. Lyne H. E. Staver  
F. K. Lyon R. O. Hill  
Mrs. Lyon C. O. Brown  
D. Spencer R. J. Roberts  
J. H. Henschberg T. Schaffer  
Y. K. Peterson T. Soames  
L. K. Pearson Frank Daniels Co.  
Mrs. Pearson L. O. Barton  
W. Morrow L. O. Barton  
O. Hanson Mrs. Jensen  
Mrs. Tanner

By steamer Utopia from the Sound:

D. H. Ross & Co. P. McQuade & Son  
S. Lelser & Co. S. J. Pitts & Co.  
J. Tollich T. Gonne  
D. K. Chingrains H. B. Todd & Son  
J. T. Cold Storage C. O. Coleman  
H. Clarke J. H. Staver  
Henderson Bros. J. W. Davis  
Dom. Cit. Co. F. R. Stewart & Co.  
Turner, R. & Co. Bank of Montreal  
Vale & Brooks B. C. Cycle & Co.  
Stockham & D. Wilson Bros.  
R. P. Ritchie & Co. E. B. Marvin & Co.  
J. W. Moller W. H. R. & Co.  
C. M. Cookson T. Shobolt  
E. A. Stewart J. Hunter  
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## For Sale By Mortgagees

## City Property.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the leasehold building and premises part, 100 feet 40 feet, of lot 601, Victoria City, situated at the corner of Pandora Street and Government Street for the residue of the term of forty years from October 24, 1890, subject to the terms of the lease. Tenders are to be sent to the undersigned before the 15th day of December, 1900. No tender necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to

PEMBERTON & SON,  
Agents for the Mortgagees.  
23rd November, 1900.

## SALES BY

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Auctions conducted anywhere in the province. Furnished residences and stocks in trade, real estate, and cash advanced. Well-lighted steam-heated auction rooms, 34 Fort Street. Telephone 683.

## AUCTION SALE

—OF—  
Parlor Dining-Room, Bedroom and Kitchen FURNITURE and EFFECTS; also a large quantity of BRICKLAYERS' TOOLS.

—ON—  
Monday, December 17th

AT 2 P.M.

This will be an important sale, and will include a large number of lots.

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## Preliminary

## Unreserved Auction Sale

ON TUESDAY, DEC. 18, AT 11 A.M.

## 6 Teams of

## Heavy Draft Horses,

## Waggon, Carts, Harness

## etc.

All in hard condition and capable of any work. These horses have been working steadily up to date, and are all grain fed and in splendid condition.

Also a FINE DRIVING TEAM of fast bays, viz, mare, "Rena," 4 years, and horse, "Prince," both by Primero; one of the most desirable teams in the city, broken to single and double, sound and kind.

Particulars later.

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## Chemainus

## Improvements

## Additions to the Already Large

## Plant of the Victoria Lum-

## ber Company.

## Planing Mills and Drying Kilns

## ---To Ship Lumber By

## Rail.

In connection with the proposed extensions of the big lumber mill at Chemainus, Mr. E. J. Palmer, who arrived down from that point yesterday, states that the additions contemplated are chiefly such as will be necessary for the preparation of the shipments by rail that his company expects to make next year. In that branch of the trade, in addition to the occasional orders of big timber dimensions, a great deal of lumber is required. All this in its various sizes of board stuffs must be kiln-dried, single or double surfaced, and often jointed to the various uses and styles required for house-building and the many other orders of a lumber yard.

To do this it is proposed to erect three large kilns each with a capacity of 20,000 feet; also to put in the planing and sizing machinery, as well as a single mill plant. The handling of the stock further necessitates the erection of warehouse room, and by springtime the company will have three big buildings, 100x120 each in size, ready for that purpose.

These various additions will make a great difference in the appearance of the mill town of Chemainus. The old stables, stores, hotel and other buildings being in the way of the improvements, must be removed, and large additions made to the wharfage front, as well as a slip constructed for the transfer large by which the cars are to be shipped over to the Mainland. A railway spur will also be put into Horse-shoe Bay, connecting the mills with the E. & N. railway system. All this will entail a good deal of work, most of which will be done by the company directly; and while the cost is not yet definitely stated, it cannot fall much below \$100,000.

This project means a great deal to Vancouver Island. Hitherto the great lumber market of the Canadian Northwest has been in the undisturbed possession of the mills of Burrard Inlet and the Fraser river. Now, however, the superior timber of the Island will flow in that direction, through the enterprise of this big company, and the fact that the trade is of such a sort as requires the expending of more labor upon the output is not the least of the many advantages of their contemplated stretching out.

Just at present the mill company is adding a new and much enlarged engine plant to its establishment that will be able to supply sufficient power not only for the present enlargements, but for any others that the new trade may be found to authorize.

## SUMMER COLD.

No cold is as hard to cure as the summer cold. It hangs on in spite of all ordinary treatment, and frequently develops into a chronic cough and cold. It is universally known that Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine promptly and thoroughly cures every kind of cough and cold. It is universally used in the best families all over this great continent. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

## No Gripe, Pain

Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines, but gentle, prompt, thorough healthful cleansing, when you take

## Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

## JONES, CRANE & CO

AUCTIONEERS.

Will Hold a General Clearance

## Auction Sale

—AT THE—

## City Auction Mart

73 YATES STREET.

2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15th

CONSISTING OF

FURNITURE AND USEFUL EFFECTS

—ALSO—

A GENTLE FAMILY PONY.

Preparatory to their taking in fresh Furniture, etc.: The contents of an eleven roomed house.

Tel. 294. Open Breelings.

## Cabin Men

## Burned Out

The Firemen Were Badly Hand-

capped, But Saved the

Building.

"Bill Nye" Loses His Bank Book

But Saves His Thou-

sands.

The large wooden building on Humboldt street, made up of three tiers, containing twenty-eight cabins, in which lived longshoremen, laborers and other cabin men, was the scene of a well attended fire yesterday. There were fully two thousand spectators on the bridge, and on the galleries on the opposite side of the street. The origin of the fire is a mystery. According to those on the scene when it started, it began in a cabin at the extreme end of the second tier on the west side. This cabin, which is occupied by two white cabin men, was locked up at the time the fire began, as far as could be learned, the key being absent. How it originated none could say.

It was about 3:15 when the fire started. "Bill Nye," that picturesque longshoreman, who is far better known by that sobriquet than by Thos. Chaplain, his seldom-used name, was sitting in his cabin, directly above that in which the fire started, when he noticed smoke coming up from the cabin below. Not long after that, Bill Nye was obliged to fly from his cabin, which is on the second floor, at the extreme end, by flames which burst through the floor. An alarm was turned in, and soon the fire was over on the spot, and had a stream, such as it was, playing on the fire. By then a cloud of smoke, from which big flames leapt, was being driven from the end of the building before the high wind then prevailing, fortunately, away from the building. Had it been blowing the reverse direction, the whole building, in all probability, would have gone. The water supply was very poor, owing to some accident to the main, it was said. The two streams from the hydrants had no more than fourteen pounds pressure. An engine was placed at work on the corner of Humboldt and Douglas streets, and this gave more pressure, and the two chemicals from Victoria West and the station on upper Yates street were on hand. These greatly aided in fighting the fire. The firemen worked well, and by dint of hard labor, kept the fire well to the end of the building. It, however, managed to get along between the end and kept the axe men busy. The end cabins were completely wrecked. Some of the occupants saved their blankets and some of their goods, but others lost some and a few all their effects.

The building is but one story on the Humboldt street elevation, and runs down step by step until there are three and some rooms to spare at the Bay frontage. Stored there are a fleet of fishing boats of the Japanese, but these were not injured, the Japs having cast them loose from their moorings and pointed them out to safety. The Japs have the lower cabins.

It was in the second cabin at the extreme end that the fire started, and it spread through to the two above it, and to the others on the upper side of the building, the cabins being in two rows, the cabins adjoining were also badly wrecked, being burned and cut up by firemen in making avenues to the fire. The loss will not be more than \$150, fully covered by insurance. So far as the building is concerned, there being a policy for \$1,000 in the Guardian Fire Assurance Company, of which Messrs. Turner, Beeton & Company are the agents.

Among those who have been burned out are many well known to the waterfront. Prominent among them are "Bill Nye"—the long-haired, gaunt man, with the eternal waterproof; "Rock Hammer Billy," Mike McHugh, and "Old Man" Murray. These had the cabins which were destroyed. Some being absent, lost their gear, and others being present managed to get some of their goods out before the flames drove them out.

"Bill Nye," who, although a picture of abject poverty, is the wealthiest of all the cabin men, was more perturbed by the loss of his bank book than anything else, and was eagerly asking if the bank would pay him without the book. He managed to get his bags of silver and coin, which he kept in the cabin, safely away. This money he keeps in long cotton bags, tied with shoe laces or string, and he had one of these bags in every pocket when he ran from the burning cabin. He says he lost a large collection of postage stamps and a number of valuable curios, as well as much of his gear. His losses will be more than any of the others, for he was, if anything, a miser, while the others who suffered usually think it a long while between pay days, and have little property at the end of the week other than a roll of blankets and a few days' provisions.

Thos. Chaplain, otherwise "Bill Nye," and sometimes "Tom Snooks," is a character. He has property in London, Eng., and Australia, and, according to those who should know, it is said that he has over ten thousand dollars in cash.

## W. T. HARDAKER,

AUCTIONEER.

## Another Big

## Auction Sale

Desirable Furniture

In my commodious salerooms, 77, 79 and 81 Douglas street.

To-day, Dec. 14

AT 2 P. M.

Rattan Chairs, Carved Mahogany Couch; Bamboo Cane Corner; Ladies' Oak Writing Desk; Book and Brice a Brice Shelves; Settee; Arm Chairs; Oak Upholstered Rocker; Wicker & Wicker Machine; Oak Sideboard; Dining Extension Table; H. B. Chairs; very fine Brass Table Lamp; Hanging Lamps; Eight-Day Clock; 2 Mirrors; Centre and Occasional Tables and Chairs; Splendid Pictures; Hard Wood Bedroom Suites; 4 Double and Single Bedsteads; Woven Wire and Wool Top Mattresses; almost new Box Mattress; Bolster; Bed Pillows; Mahogany Curled Pole; Feather Pillows; Bed Linen; Blankets; Lace Curtains; Potted Plants; Crockery; Glassware; Enamelware; Kitchen Tables; Baby Buggy; Carpets and Rugs; 2 good Cook Stoves; 4 Heaters; various kinds; Knitting Machine, etc.

WM. T. HARDAKER, The Auctioneer.

Telephone 693.

He usually carries a thousand dollars or more on his person. He came here seven years ago from Honolulu, and has lived most of the time in the same cabin which he never troubled about sweeping out, and there was quite an accumulation on the floor. At the Hawaiian Islands he lived on the beach, and does here, too, as far as practicable. He is well known among the longshore fraternity.

Among his losses was his canoe, which sometimes was converted into a catamaran, and that carved-out barrel, in which he performed aquatic feats during the summer season. These had been crowded into the room for the winter, when the water was too cold for "Bill's" improved oars, those which nature gave him.

Although having so much money and ready, "Bill Nye" will not patronize any better to replace the hat lost in the fire. He has already accepted a promise of an old one. He also does not patronize barbers, but shaves himself, and has a goodly number of bottles about his hair.

While his noted namesake had none, he has and to spare. It hangs in clusters of raven black over the ragged collar of his torn black waterproof, without which he is seldom seen summer or winter. "Bill" is indeed a character—a picturesque miser.

The brigade had just returned from the Pandey fire, and had begun to wash down their apparatus, when another alarm from box 34 disturbed their labors and set them out once more galloping along the streets. This time the Smith grocery store, on the corner of Cook and North Park streets, was their objective point. The ex-policeman had noticed a spark or two flying in the gale from his chimney, and without further investigation, had rung in the alarm.

Two chemicals, one steamer and a hose wagon responded, and after their hard half-mile run, found nothing more to do than to back and begin afresh the washing down proceedings. The fire in Mr. Smith's store had burned very low and a sudden draught up the chimney had carried a spark or two right through, but that was all, and the boys who had been working hard all afternoon, finding what might so easily have grown into a large conflagration, were well justified in thinking as they drove back homeward, that someone was jesting with them. The jest was all the worse, from the fact that they were all still in their wet clothes.

## HELLO! NANAIMO.

Investigation Proceeding For Telephone Line Between Victoria and the Coast City.

Nanaimo, Dec. 13.—Mr. Potter, one of the experts connected with the New Westminster & Burrard Inlet Telephone Company, is making a thorough examination of this neighborhood, with a view to ascertaining whether the projected telephonic communication between Victoria and Nanaimo is feasible. Mr. Potter is a judge of routes, and upon his findings will largely depend the building of the proposed trunk line to the Capital. The company want to construct such a line if the cost will not be too excessive; but it is feared by those who have some knowledge of such affairs that the difficulties are too many and great just yet. It has long been the desire of the company to connect Vancouver Island with the Mainland, but the obstacle of distance intervenes to spoil it. It has yet to be demonstrated successfully that sound can be transmitted intelligibly for a greater distance than 20 miles under water. It is true that under favorable conditions sound has been transmitted over 100 miles in this province—that is, from Vancouver to Spokane. The report of the expert on this matter will be awaited with some interest, and not a little hope.

William Sloan and his family will spend the winter in California. They will set out for the land of sunshine and flowers after the Christmas festivities, and will remain in the South until the spring.

Early morning marriages are becoming quite the fashion with the young couples of Nanaimo. There were two of them on Wednesday morning, and at 11 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, when Rev. Mr. Calvert united the fortunes of Mr. Matthew F. Stubbard and Miss Emma E. Cordell. The bride was prettily costumed and looked very charming, while her bridesmaid, Miss Crossan, also was most becomingly gowned. The brother of the groom, Mr. J. Stubbard, officiated as best man. After a very jolly wedding breakfast, the young couple took the train for Victoria, from whence they sail to the Sound, where the honeymoon will be spent. Rev. Mr. Cumming, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, performed the same rite for Mr. William Abbott Taylor and Miss Florence Ferguson, daughter of the late Donald Ferguson, at about the same hour. A large number of friends were present at the marriage to witness the ceremony.

The disinfecting apparatus at the court house is of the most powerful kind. It is a force pump, operated by heat, which sends a stream of formaldehyde into the remotest crevices of any room, article of clothing, or package against which it may be directed. The medical authorities are taking infinite pains to stamp out the only all forms of smallpox, but also disease germs of all kinds, while they are about it.

Mr. Mark Bate, Jr., son of the Mayor, and cashier of the New Vancouver Coal Company, is enjoying a two months' holiday.

The masquerade ball in the opera

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To-day, Dec. 14

AT 2 P. M.

Rattan Chairs, Carved Mahogany Couch; Bamboo Cane Corner; Ladies' Oak Writing Desk; Book and Brice a Brice Shelves; Settee; Arm Chairs; Oak Upholstered Rocker; Wicker & Wicker Machine; Oak Sideboard; Dining Extension Table; H. B. Chairs; very fine Brass Table Lamp; Hanging Lamps; Eight-Day Clock; 2 Mirrors; Centre and Occasional Tables and Chairs; Splendid Pictures; Hard Wood Bedroom Suites; 4 Double and Single Bedsteads; Woven Wire and Wool Top Mattresses; almost new Box Mattress; Bolster; Bed Pillows; Mahogany Curled Pole; Feather Pillows; Bed Linen; Blankets; Lace Curtains; Potted Plants; Crockery; Glassware; Enamelware; Kitchen Tables; Baby Buggy; Carpets and Rugs; 2 good Cook Stoves; 4 Heaters; various kinds; Knitting Machine, etc.

WM. T. HARDAKER, The Auctioneer.

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He usually carries a thousand dollars or more on his person. He came here seven years ago from Honolulu, and has lived most of the time in the same cabin which he never troubled about sweeping out, and there was quite an accumulation on the floor. At the Hawaiian Islands he lived on the beach, and does here, too, as far as practicable. He is well known among the longshore fraternity.

Among his losses was his canoe, which sometimes was converted into a catamaran, and that carved-out barrel, in which he performed aquatic feats during the summer season. These had been crowded into the room for the winter, when the water was too cold for "Bill's" improved oars, those which nature gave him.

Although having so much money and ready, "Bill Nye" will not patronize any better to replace the hat lost in the fire. He has already accepted a promise of an old one. He also does not patronize barbers, but shaves himself, and has a goodly number of bottles about his hair.

While his noted namesake had none, he has and to spare. It hangs in clusters of raven black over the ragged collar of his torn black waterproof, without which he is seldom seen summer or winter. "Bill" is indeed a character—a picturesque miser.

The brigade had just returned from the Pandey fire, and had begun to wash down their apparatus, when another alarm from box 34 disturbed their labors and set them out once more galloping along the streets. This time the Smith grocery store, on the corner of Cook and North Park streets, was their objective point. The ex-policeman had noticed a spark or two flying in the gale from his chimney, and without further investigation, had rung in the alarm.

Two chemicals, one steamer and a hose wagon responded, and after their hard half-mile run, found nothing more to do than to back and begin afresh the washing down proceedings. The fire in Mr. Smith's store had burned very low and a sudden draught up the chimney had carried a spark or two right through, but that was all, and the boys who had been working hard all afternoon, finding what might so easily have grown into a large conflagration, were well justified in thinking as they drove back homeward, that someone was jesting with them. The jest was all the worse, from the fact that they were all still in their wet clothes.

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